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'Sax' Board to Preview Yearbook at Banquet

This evening at some undisclosed location, the Saxifrage staff and their assistants together with guests will preview the 1940 yearbook at the Saxifrage Preview Banquet.

The group will gather at the college at six o'clock and at this time the party will leave for the banquet, the destination of which will only then be revealed.

The assistants to the elected staff who will attend are as follows: Henry Palmer, Mary Shea, Grace Gaudet, Mary Gagnon, Frances McCarthy, Virginia Schmidt, Mary Owens, Joan Buckley, Edith Tillikka, Don-

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SENIORS TO HOLD PROM NEXT FRIDAY IN BOSTON

The crowning event in the social calendar of the Senior Class will be the Senior Prom at the Hotel Sheraton in Boston next Friday, May 24. The Senior Prom is always most long remembered, as it is the last gathering of its members as a class.

Ted Kirk and his orchestra, which is one of the leading travelling dance bands in the east, has been engaged to provide the music and the committee feels itself fortunate at having been able to obtain such a fine band for the occasion.

In order that the Seniors may have ample time to prepare themselves for this epochal

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'Saxifrage' To Make Appearance Tonight During Dance in Library



HERBERT DOWNS
Editor of 1940 "Saxifrage"

COMPLETION OF TASK SAX BOARD HAPPY AT

Herbert Downs, editor of the 1940 Saxifrage says "the book is ready and we hope you will like it."

It was just a year ago tonight that the best Sax this college has seen was issued. Mr. Downs and his staff began at that time to plan features, novelty arrangements, and improvements; and tonight the school as a whole will judge the book on its merits.

The particular points for which

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1940 EDITION SPONSOR; FRANK BARRETT TO PLAY

Members of the college will assemble tonight to celebrate the coming out of the 1940 Saxifrage with an informal dance in the college library which is scheduled to last from eight to eleven o'clock.

The yearbook staff, after laboring continually for the entire year under the leadership of Herbert Downs and Lester Aldrich, feel with the utmost certainty that their book is "one of the best yet." Their work will be duly recognized when the yearbooks will be distributed this evening just before intermission. Books will be passed

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W.A.A. TO CLOSE SEASON WITH BANQUET AT HOTEL

Mrs. George Wightman of Boston will be the high-light speaker at the annual W. A. A. banquet to be held at the Hotel Raymond on Monday night. Mrs. Wightman was a former national tennis champion for three successive years before being defeated by Helen Wills Moody. She is still an outstanding player in tennis and badminton and was the partner of Helen Wills in the national doubles in tennis of which they have been champions for two years.

Ruthe Hughes, retiring presi-

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Editorial—

For more than a year the 1940 Saxifrage Board has been working to produce a yearbook that we will be proud to show to everyone. Standard sections have been livened with new ideas and novel arrangements. Unique features have been included. Attention to even the most minute detail has been the by-word. Endless hours have been spent both by individuals and the staff as a whole in order that the 1940 Saxifrage will be the best ever published.

For the first time in the history of the college every member of the two upper classes will receive a copy paid for out of the blanket tax. Tonight in the library a record number of copies will be given out to the student body and faculty.

In return for all of the work which they have done, the staff will receive only the satisfaction of knowing that they have done their best and the congratulations of those seeing the book. We urge you to show your appreciation in every way possible. If you like the Sax, tell the staff members that you do. We feel sure that they will appreciate your appreciation.

The Ash Tray

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Still More Exams

As soup mocks the turtle—as mud mocks the puddle—as Alec mocks Causlin—so exams mock me. Once was the time when I dreamed of Jeanie with the light blonde crutches but now even that is gone—effaced from the annals of my subjective musings by these contemptible, incomparable, unsurmountable, thoroughly confoundable exams.

POET LAUREATE EMITS CLASSIC

Little Jack Horner

Sat in a corner

Eating his Christmas Pie

He stuck in his thumb

And pulled out a plum

And said—"This is a heck of a restauranh;
I ordered custard."

Men work at packing dishes morn to night
Men slave in shipping rooms in weakest light
Men unpack furniture from padded crates
And carefully place the numbers by the dates
Then leaving on the floor the hairy snarl
Of woody, dry as tinder waste, the gnarled
Feet that for these forty years have passed
this way

Movt up the stair like hounds for prey
But never do his nostrils reach below
To wisp of gray that, rising slow and slow
From out that pile of rubbish for a gaze
Sharper than his, bespeaks a phrase
More powerful than man or plane or gun
Electrifying every women's son

EXCELSIOR!!

Make a note of that and clean out any dangerous spots in your house when you go home this summer.

They say the Scarab is planning on revealing his identity in our next issue. I wonder if he will. In fact, the whole staff is wondering—perhaps His Highness himself is wondering..

Keep your noses clean, and be sure your watch agrees with Mrs. Simmons' instead of the corridor clock if you want to be on time for those 8:20 quizzes.

FORTY-FOURTH CLASS DAY ON JUNE 1

Fitchburg's deepest tradition, the Class Day exercises, will be held for the forty-fourth time on June 2. This event is a fitting climax to the school year for the lower classes, and an equally fitting prelude to the commencement exercises of the Senior Class.

Program on Traditional Lines

The traditional program will be carried on as always this year, with the march of the classes, the planting of the ivy, the breaking of the rock by the saxifrage, the presentation of the class gift, the singing of the Alma Mater and the class songs, and other ceremonies so well-known and endeared to students of Fitchburg. In the evening, dancing and a sing out will carry on in the usual manner. The entertainment this year will be presented by a group of girls who are students of the modern dance.

Faculty-Student Committee

The faculty-student committee is again headed by Miss Bolger. Mr. Weston, Miss Curry, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Landell are the other faculty members. Student members are Walter Vorse, elected school marshal by the Senior Class, and the marshals of the various classes, John Murphy of the Senior Class, Chet Smith of the Junior Class, and Leila Hlin of the Sophomore Class. Nelson Wood as president of the Freshman Class, will serve as its marshal. Rehearsals will be held all during examination week.

Customer: There's no use trying to sell me that cheap dog for a watch dog.

Clerk: Why not?

Customer: Because a bargain dog never bites.

—The Record



ARTHUR HOPGOOD
New President of Glee Club

ARTHUR HOPGOOD GLEE CLUB PRESIDENT

At the regular elections of the Glee Club, Ralph Pearson was elected president; Arthur Hopgood, vice-president; Ralph Gray, treasurer and business manager; Yolanda Bramante, secretary; and Benjamin Freeman and John Gemma, stage technicians.

Because of his presidency of the Epsilon Pi Tau, however, Mr. Pearson resigned the presidency of the Glee Club. Through the rules of parliamentary procedure, the vice-presidency succeeds to the presidency, so that Arthur Hopgood has become president of the club. No vice-president will be elected to take his place, and the other officers will remain as originally chosen.

Mr. Hopgood has been one of the outstanding members of the club since he was first admitted to it. He played the male lead in last year's production of "H. M. S. Pinafore," and was scheduled to sing a solo in this year's concert before his recent illness.

SUPERINTENDENTS' DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Superintendents of schools in this vicinity have been invited by President C. M. Herlihy to spend Wednesday, May 22, at the State Teachers College. An opportunity to visit classes in the College and also in the Junior High School, Edgerly, and Dillon training schools will be afforded the visitors.

The day's schedule includes visiting classes and the training schools from ten to twelve o'clock; luncheon in the College dining hall, followed by a brief panel discussion; and at two-fifteen, a demonstration program to be given in the Assembly Hall, when five or six types of work will be presented under student teachers.

TENNIS TEAM OPENS SEASON WITH VICTORY

The Fitchburg tennis team joined the baseball team last Saturday in starting off its season with a victory. The victim was the team from Bridgewater Teachers College.

George Kalil, Ralph Pearson, Nelson Wood and Al Shinner won the singles; Kalil and Pearson, and Wood and Burns won the doubles for the college.

GAVALEERS IN ALUMNI REUNION TOMORROW

The annual Gaveleer Alumni Re-union will be held at the Whalom Woman's Club tomorrow, Saturday, May 18. The feature game between present members and the Alumni will be held in the afternoon.

At the time of writing this article, fifteen Alumni had reserved places at the banquet. Like all Gaveleer affairs, this is expected to be a great success.

W. A. A. Banquet*—Continued from Page One—*

dent of the association will relinquish her executive office to Lillian Szocik, president-elect. Other officers and the new board will take their appointed positions.

Awards to be Given Out

This banquet, at which blazors, pins, and monograms will be awarded, is the climax of the athletic year. Blazors, the highest award, are given to the most deserving seniors; the pins and monograms are awarded to the girls fulfilling a required number of points.

This year we will be honored by having five W.A. A. presidents at the banquet at the same time: Ethel Critchley '37, (a Big Sister to all the present Seniors); Eleanor Scully '38; Anna Clifford '39; Ruth Hughes '40; and Lillian Szocik '41.

The other blazor winners of last year who will be special guests of the W. A. A. are Connie Day, Elith Buckingham, and Ellen Dormin. Mary Diskin and Gerry Lyons sent letters of regret that they could not attend because of the long distance to travel.

O'Connor Committee Head

Punky O'Connor, a board member for three years, is general chairman of the banquet and plans to make it most successful. Every girl makes a special effort to attend this last get-together of the A. A.

Barbara Baldwin will serve as toastmistress and assures every girl a good "serve". Committee chairmen are: decorations, Helvi Winturri; program, Bernice Cleaves; menu, Mary Owens; music, Barbara Baldwin; publicity, Frances McCarthy;

**GLEE CLUB OUTING
GREAT SUCCESS**

The members of the Glee Club enjoyed an outing last Friday at Whittemore Lodge in Ashburnham. Activities began with a softball game in which the girls introduced some heavy hitters; however, Milo Galbraith led his team to an easy victory.

The group led by Dick Kelliher won the scavenger hunt. Their reward—a bright new penny—was wrapped in many folds of wrapping paper.

Arthur Hopgood led the group singing. Some of the more hardy members, including Ralph Gray, Phil Seigal, and Ray Lowe, went swimming.

Mr. Holmes and Barbara Baldwin played for the dancing.

Congratulations go to Ray Lowe for producing such an excellent meal.

The club showed its appreciation to Miss Curry for her untiring efforts and patience by dedicating the last numbers of the singout to her.

W.A.A. Notes

The tennis tournament in singles for the women of the college is under way according to a report by Coach Owens. The winner of this tournament will be awarded a silver cup at the banquet. If you have not already played your game please do so as Monday noon is the deadline for this award.

Laila Eklin was elected head of bowling for next year at a special election held last week.

seating, Priscilla Leighton; tickets, Mary Shea.

Dr. and Mrs. Herlihy, Dean Bradt and all women members of the faculty will be guests.

**BASEBALL TEAM SPLITS
FIRST TWO GAMES**

By blasting the offerings of the opposing twirler for 21 hits, the Fitchburg baseball team wallowed Bridgewater Teachers College 16 to 9 Saturday at the Pearl St. Grounds. Fitchburg took an 11 to 9 lead in the seventh inning and after that were never headed.

The baseball nine lost 12 to 6 to American International College at Springfield Wednesday.

Tomorrow, the team plays Keene Normal at Keene. Coach Kulcinski plans on a victory to boost the games won to 2 out of 3.

**SARGENT E. STANLEY
MEMORIAL DEDICATED**

Yesterday noon the Gaveleer Society dedicated a tree and plaque in memory of Sargent E. Stanley and other departed members. Mr. C. Blair MacLean, sponsor of the club spoke briefly on the significance of the ceremony. Burleigh Loveitt, president, made the formal dedication.

Brother Stanley was taken into the club in 1937 and was elected President for the year 1939-1940. He passed away in June, 1939, shortly after being installed into the presidency.

**INTRA-MURAL AWARDS
TO BE GRANTED**

Intra-mural awards are to be given this year to those eligible. Awards will be on the same basis as in previous years.

There has been considerable controversy this week as to whether or not the awards would be granted, but after thorough discussion Mr. Kulcinski and the Intra-mural Board have reached the decision that the practice would be continued.

Campus Chatter

(Editor's note: Benny has already seen the 1940 Saxifrage!! Follow through the Sax and read Benny's pointers at the same time—then the column will mean more and the book will be of more interest.)

Benny knows:

—that Bill Donovan in the Mohawk picture was wrapped in girls' athletic target.

—that while Lil Szocik was in the hospital, the staff needed a picture of her. They put her head on Helvi Winturri's body. Can you find it?

—that there were three members of the Sax staff absent when the picture was taken. They were added later. Can you pick them out?

—what picture was used as a background for the Alma Mater. Do you?

—that Stony Anderson's pilgrim picture was taken from the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. bulletin for last October.

—that during the last vacation, a member of the Sax staff journeyed 82 miles to take the ex libris picture on the inside cover. He found that Ray Lowe was in Boston; Bert Bennett was in Connecticut, and the goat had been sold six months ago. The picture was finally sent in the 9th of May.

—that the men's hockey picture looks o. k. but have you looked real close?

—that only two students in the college have seen the carnival king and queen picture.

—that the staff took a picture of the queen's room the day she was elected (her busiest day) and they claim it was a wow.

The picture didn't come out and I guess it is just as well for we all have our days.

—that the editor didn't pose for the candid showing him with both arms across the table—nor did Ruth Lagsdin pose for the one cutting meat with her fork—tut tut—Ruth.

—that Eleanor Dort can now show her mother her two black eyes.

—that there have been many accidents on campus this school year but where are they shown in the book?

—that the assembly hall was nearly empty when the co-operative association picture was taken but it doesn't look it.

—that the original picture of the dramatic club was taken over the orchestra picture. President Sweeney sure looked funny sitting in Edger Lord's bass horn.

—that it is about time that our cheer leaders got some recognition.

—that Grace Gaudet drew the cartoons entitled "Traditions" and Bernice Cleaves drew the desk around Helen Gibson's report of senior elections.

—that Roger Holt stands in for the bunch of celery this week for his well designed (neat, simple, and effective) cover.

—that some of us have forgotten that Larry Colson collected \$500 toward the Sax expenses.

—that you will like the sports section because of the variety.

—that Phyllis Batterson had plenty to do if she supervised the pictures going into the year-book. What was there left for the rest of the staff to do?

—that the senior popularity poll is still a secret but I say that Vi Bruso and Roger Holt were voted the cutest.

'TOWNSEND PARTY' FOR FROSH NOT POLITICAL

An afternoon and evening outing for the Freshmen Class of Fitchburg Teachers College was held at Trap Falls, Townsend, on Tuesday, May 14. The purpose of the event was to further class spirit and the acquaintance of the 90 members.

The group enjoyed a hearty supper of grilled frankfurts and rolls, potato chips, sandwiches, ice cream and candy. Marion Smith led the party in group singing.

Miss Helen Curry, Miss Florence Conlon, faculty advisor of the class, Mr. C. Blair MacLean and Mr. James Hammond were the faculty members attending the affair. Nelson Wood, president of the class worked with John O'Neil and Charles Dacey, General Chairmen for the party, in setting up committees under the following chairmen: Grounds, Arthur Russell; Sports Program, Helen Chadwick and Richard Santos; Transportation, Norman Pope; Food, Edith Beauchamp and Thelma Anderson. Tena Sironaitis, Joseph P. Govani, Faith Atkinson, Eila Honkonen, Marjorie Killela, Turo Hallfors, William Nornis, Hilda Smith, and Frances Vallely served on the above committees.

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Fitchburg, Mass.

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the staff strived have been: informal group pictures; large clear faces; high grade quality paper and one on which it is easy to write; pleasing type; compact pages—because the book was reduced from 148 pages to 120 pages; complete information about seniors; coverage of informal affairs at the college in candid shots; and a distinctive cover designed to save money on future issues.

Economy Measures Made

Editor Downs has made two great economy moves. In having the cover standardized, he has estimated that well over \$400 will be saved in the next ten years. In printing the book in a single color a great saving was also made.

The cover was designed and drawn by Roger Holt who also designed and printed, by the silk screen process, the covers of the Sax directory which was issued in December.

Downs Checks With Printers

Downs spent much of the last vacation at the printers in the interests of accuracy and satisfaction. This is the third year in which the book has been printed by the offset method by Spaulding and Moss of Boston.

Downs, in his four years at Fitchburg, has been very active in school affairs. He has been class treasurer for the last three years and a member of the Gaveler Society for three years. As a member of the Dramatic Club he held important roles in "Daisy Mayme" last year and in "Death Takes a Holiday" this year. For three years he was an active member of the Typo Club and held the position of secretary of the organization while it was still in existence at the college. He has held various positions on

Council Notes

1. Mr. Harrington spoke to the Council about the Faculty Student Relations Committee, a quorum of which attended the first part of the meeting.

2. Dorothy Dahlquist reported for the Cultural Committee and the Pin Committee.

3. It was voted to make the junior member of the Assembly Committee chairman of the committee in his senior year.

4. The proposed budget for next year was discussed.

Senior Prom*—Continued from Page One—*

event. their final examination schedules have been arranged so that they begin on Thursday and they have no examinations on afternoon of the prom.

The committee wishes to announce that no guest bids are transferrable. All bids except those of the Seniors themselves are considered as guest bids.

The Stick, including the editorship last year.

As president of the Association of Mass. State Teachers College Publications, he has done much to elevate the standards of the organization. He is a Fitchburg member of the State Censorship Committee for Teachers College Publications. Even in sports, he had had activity, having been a member of the Volleyball Intra-mural Champion Team this year.

Downs was employed on the staff of the Reading Chronicle, which is his home town newspaper, for six years previous to attending college.

Saxifrage Banquet*—Continued from Page One—*

ald Johnson, Bernice Cleaves, Clifton Hulbert, Ruth Lafrennie, Thomas Passios, Vera Kenney, Fred Love, and Virginia Hamilton.

The guests will be President and Mrs. Charles M. Herlihy; Saxifrage advisors Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hague; Miss Mary McConnell and Miss Katherine McCarty, both of whom contributed much time to work on the publication; Ray Lowe, president of the senior class; Dorothy Sears, vice-president of the senior class, Bernice Cleaves, and Herbert Downs, secretary and treasurer of the senior class; Howard Hill, past president of the Student Co-operative Association; and Emily Yauga, editor-in-chief of The Stick.

Saxifrage Dance*—Continued from Page One—*

out only to those holding receipts.

Music for the affair will be furnished by Frank Barrett's orchestra.

The guests for the evening will include Dr. and Mrs. Herlihy; Mr. and Mrs. Weston; Mr. and Mrs. Hague; Miss McConnell; and Miss McCarty.

All students and members of the faculty are invited to attend.

We solicit your patronage

The College Spa